1. A fly species has a XX/XY sex determination system similar to humans. You have identified mutants that have mini wings and bright-red eyes. To examine the mode of inheritance of the two traits you perform the crosses outlined in the table below beginning with flies from two pure-breeding populations. **(17 marks total)**

Table 1. Phenotypes of parents and the phenotypes and numbers of offspring.

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| **Parents (P1)\_** | **F1 offspring** | | **F2 offspring (offspring of F1xF1)** | |
| **Phenotypes** | **Phenotypes** | # | **Phenotypes** | **Number** |
| Female:  bright-red eyes, normal wings  Male:  normal eyes, mini wings | Females: normal eyes and normal wings    Male bright-red eyes and normal wings | 45  50 | Female bright-red eyes, normal wings  Female normal eyes, normal wings  Male bright-red eyes, normal wings  Male normal eyes, mini wings  Male bright-red eyes, mini wings  Male normal eyes, normal wings | 504  493  527  480  1  2 |

For the questions below you will be asked to evaluate specific hypotheses for the mode of inheritance of the traits. The mode of inheritance may or may not be consistent with the data.

Based on the results from the F1 offspring, you initially hypothesize that inheritance of mini-wings is autosomal and recessive.

1. Under the hypothesis that the mini-wing allele is autosomal recessive, define your alleles for the wing gene. (0.5 marks)
2. Under the hypothesis that the mini-wing allele is autosomal recessive, define **all** genotypes and their associated phenotypes (0.5 marks).
3. Under the hypothesis that the mini-wing allele is autosomal recessive, complete a Punnett Square showing your predictions for the genotypes and phenotype frequencies for the P1 cross, and the F1 cross giving the resulting F2 generation **(3 marks)**
4. Is the hypothesis that the mini-wing allele is autosomal recessive supported by the data (yes or no)? Briefly explain why or why not with specific reference to your predictions and the data. Two to three sentences max. **(2 marks)**
5. Which hypothesis for inheritance of mini-wings is consistent with the data? (explanation not required) (**1 mark**).
6. Which modes of inheritance are not possible for the trait of ***bright-red eyes*** inherited? (**2 marks**)

Autosomal Dominant Possible / Not Possible

Autosomal Recessive Possible / Not Possible

X-linked Dominant Possible / Not Possible

X-linked Recessive Possible / Not Possible

1. What evidence led you to your conclusion for the mode of inheritance in “e”. (**1 mark**)
2. Why are there so few males with bright-red eyes and mini wings? (**1 mark**)
3. What process was responsible for producing males with bright-red eyes and mini wings? (**1 mark**)
4. When does this process occur? (**1 mark**)

In flies, the normal eye color is due to the presence of brown and red pigments. If the brown pigment is absent, the eyes appear bright red. The amount of brown pigment was quantified in female flies from the above crosses and an additional pure breeding female fly from another experiment.

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| **Female Flies** | **Phenotype** | **Brown Pigment Amount** |
| P1 | Bright red | 0.2 units |
| F1 | Normal eyes | 0.7 units |
| Pure breeding | Normal eyes | 1.2 units |

1. Does this new information affect your conclusions about the mode of inheritance of eye color? Briefly explain your reasoning. (**2 marks**).

*Drosophila melanogaster* is a diploid organism of 2N=8. It has 3 pairs of autosomes and 1 pair or sex chromosomes. Crossing over does not occur in males but does occur in females.

1. Even though crossing over does not occur in males, what processes would contribute to genetic variation among gametes? (**1 mark**)
2. When does the process indicated in “m” occur (be as specific as possible)? (**1 mark**)